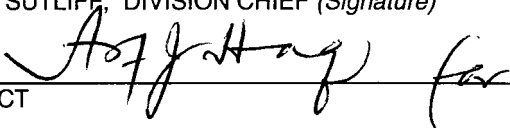


TRAFFIC OPERATIONS POLICY DIRECTIVE		NUMBER 03-05	Page 1 of 2
KARLA SUTLIFE, DIVISION CHIEF (Signature) 		DATE ISSUED October 10, 2003	EFFECTIVE DATE October 10, 2003
SUBJECT <u>New Speed Limit Signs</u> TRUCKS, 3 AXLES OR MORE 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-3) ALL VEHICLES WHEN TOWING 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-4)		DISTRIBUTION <input type="checkbox"/> All District Directors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Traffic Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Construction <input type="checkbox"/> All Deputy District Directors - Project Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Counsel, Legal Division <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering Service Center Director <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters Division Chiefs for: <input type="checkbox"/> Publications (For distribution to all holders of Traffic Manual)	
DOES THIS DIRECTIVE AFFECT OR SUPERSEDE ANOTHER DOCUMENT? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, DESCRIBE Section 4-03.6 Individual Polices For Regulatory Signs –AUTOS WITH TRAILERS, TRUCKS 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-1)	
WILL THIS DIRECTIVE BE INCORPORATED IN THE TRAFFIC MANUAL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, DESCRIBE Section 4-03.6 Individual Polices For Regulatory Signs –TRUCKS, 3 AXLES OR MORE 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-3) and ALL VEHICLES WHEN TOWING 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-4)	

DIRECTIVE

This Traffic Operations Policy Directive supercedes the California Department of Transportation Traffic Manual, Section 4-03.6, Individual Polices For Regulatory Signs –AUTOS WITH TRAILERS, TRUCKS 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-1). Effective immediately, the R6-1 specification is deleted and replaced with two new specifications:

- 1) TRUCKS, 3 AXLES OR MORE 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-3)
- 2) ALL VEHICLES WHEN TOWING 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-4)

IMPLEMENTATION

Standard:

When used, the sign TRUCKS, 3 AXLES OR MORE 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-3) shall be installed approximately 750 feet following the SPEED LIMIT (CA Sign Code R2) sign.

The sign ALL VEHICLES WHEN TOWING 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-4) shall be installed approximately 750 feet following the R6-3 sign.

Guidance:

The R6-3 and R6-4 signs should be placed on highway segments where speeds in excess of 55 mph are permitted.

Option:

The existing sign AUTOS WITH TRAILERS, TRUCKS 55 MAXIMUM (CA Sign Code R6-1) may remain in place until it is knocked down, damaged, stolen, vandalized, or otherwise reaches the end of its useful life.

The local California Highway Patrol office may be consulted to identify highway segments where enforcement is an issue. On these segments early replacement of existing R6-1 signs may be necessary.

Support:

Refer to CVC Section 22406 for types of vehicles subject to the 55-mph maximum speed limit.

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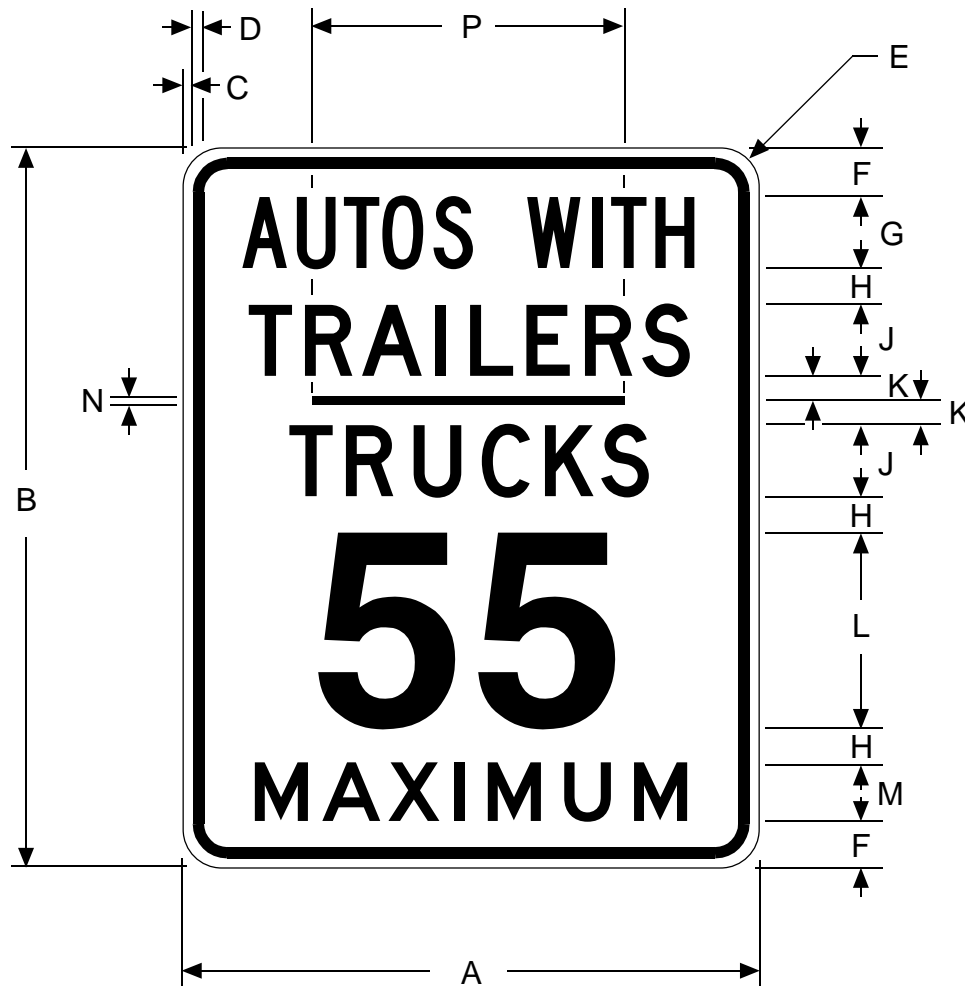
On April 21, 2003, the Northern Division of the California Highway Patrol identified deficiencies with existing R6-1 signs and requested changes. The headquarters Special Projects Section of the California Highway Patrol in Sacramento was consulted and concurred with the changes. At its public meeting on September 24, 2003, the California Traffic Control Devices Committee recommended adoption of the new R6-3 and R6-4 specifications to replace the existing R6-1 specification.

There are 12 classifications of vehicles in CVC Section 22406 subject to the 55 mph maximum speed limit. Nine of the classifications can be summarized in two basic categories as follows:

- 1) Trucks with 3 or more axles, and
- 2) All other vehicles when towing.

The three remaining classifications, which have separate categories, are:

- 1) School buses when transporting pupils,
 - 2) Farm vehicles when transporting farm workers, and
 - 3) Vehicles transporting explosives.
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MUTCD NUMBER NoneCODE R6-1**DISCONTINUED**

SIGN SIZE	SIGN DIMENSIONS (INCHES)													
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	M	N	P
36 x 45	36	45	5/8	7/8	2-1/4	4	4C	2	4D	1-1/2	12E	4E	1/2	18
48 x 60	48	60	3/4	1-1/4	3	4	6C	3	6D	2	16E	5E	3/4	26

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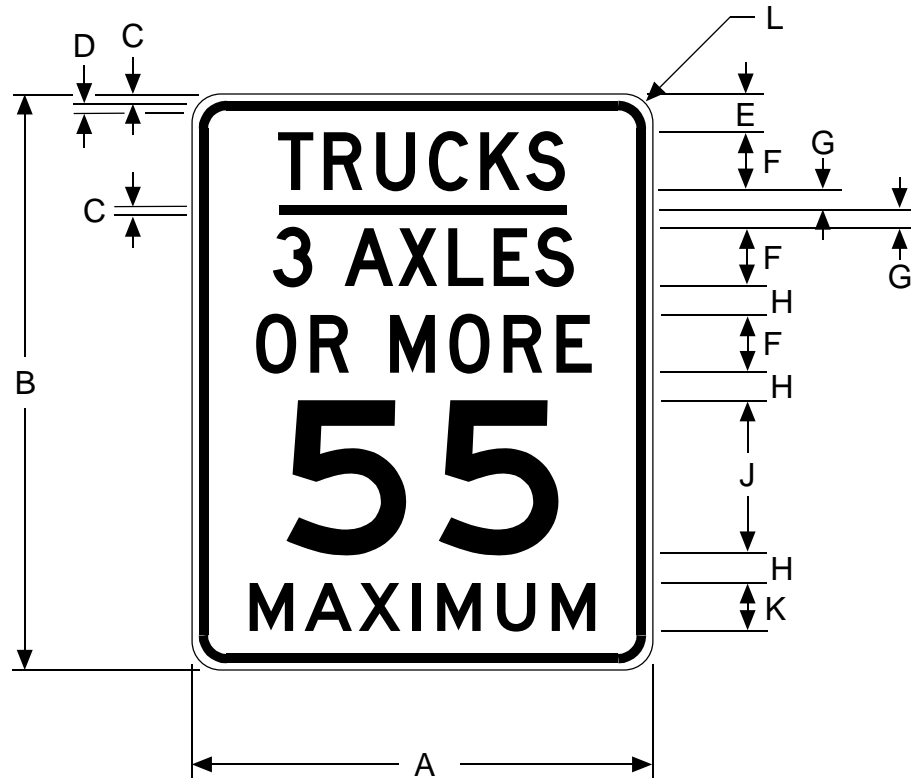
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MUTCD NUMBER NoneCODE R6-3

UNITS OF MEASURE	SIGN DIMENSIONS										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L
Inches	48	60	3/4	1-1/4	4	6D	2	3	16E	5E	3
Millimeters	1219	1524	19	32	102	150D	51	76	400E	125E	76

COLOR

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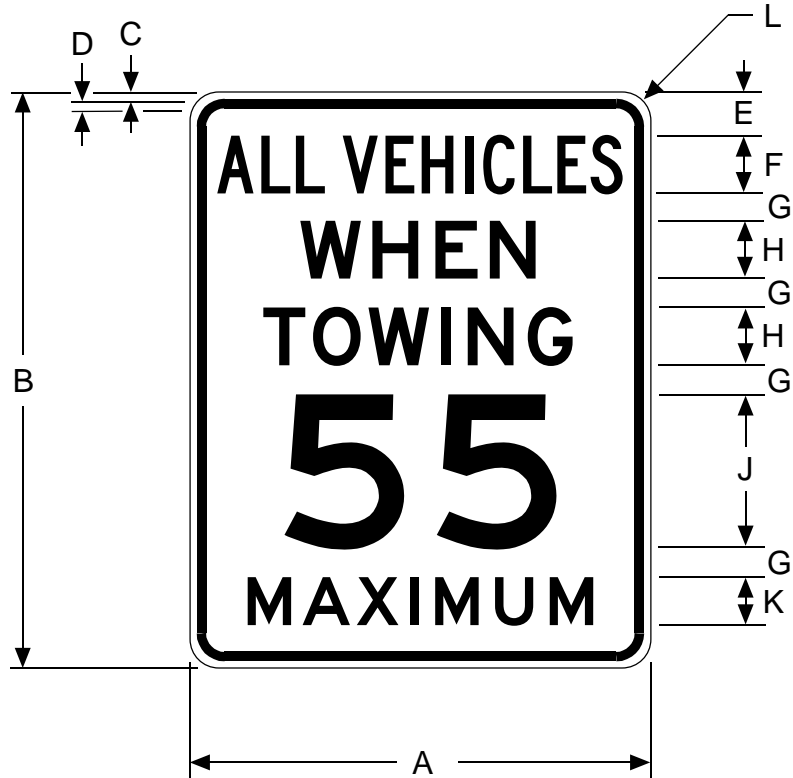
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MUTCD NUMBER NoneCODE R6-4

UNITS OF MEASURE	SIGN DIMENSIONS										
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L
Inches	48	60	3/4	1-1/4	4-1/2	6C	3	6E	16E	5E	3
Millimeters	1219	1524	19	32	114	150C	76	150E	400E	125E	76

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